



Community Update March 30, 2020

The Ministry of Health has advised that all parents who can, should care for their children at home. Spare Time will be keeping Centres open to provide child care for parents in **essential service-related positions** with **no alternative solution** beginning on March 30.

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If you are an essential worker, require temporary emergency childcare, and are not registered in any of our programs, please contact the West Coast Child Care Resource Centre for an online referral. <https://www.wstcoast.org/>

We are offering spaces for emergency care in 3 communities: Spare Time Clubhouse- **Riley Park/Little Mountain**, Spare Time Bobolink- **Fraserview**, and Spare Time II-**Marpole**.

Our programming has shifted to an essential services model which will enable us to operate our centres with lower numbers and allow for the extra cleaning and attention to safe interactions, which are among our highest priorities right now. This is possible due to support provided by the Ministry of Children and Families.

For the safety and care of our children, families and staff, all Centres follow enhanced cleaning and disinfection guidelines, hand hygiene instructions (children and staff), practice social distancing between adults in the centres (staff and parents) and keep the children in small group sizes.

To minimize the number of adults that enter the buildings, sign in procedures have been moved to the entrances for efficient drop-offs and pick-ups of children.

Daily programs will include school support, indoor and outdoor sports, play, and structured activities.

April Fees:

Monthly: \$780.00 (begins April 1)

Weekly: \$200.00 (Begins March 30)

3 days/week: \$120.00 (Begins March 30)

COVID- 19 Essential Services:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/essential-services-covid-19#infrastructure>

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) B.C. public health guidance for schools and childcare programs

https://www.sd62.bc.ca/sites/default/files/2020-02/COVID19%20schools%20childcare%20guidelines_Feb%2023%202020.pdf

Questions and Answers on COVID-19 and Childcare Settings

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/covid-19/qa_covid19_childcare_settings_mar_24_2020.pdf